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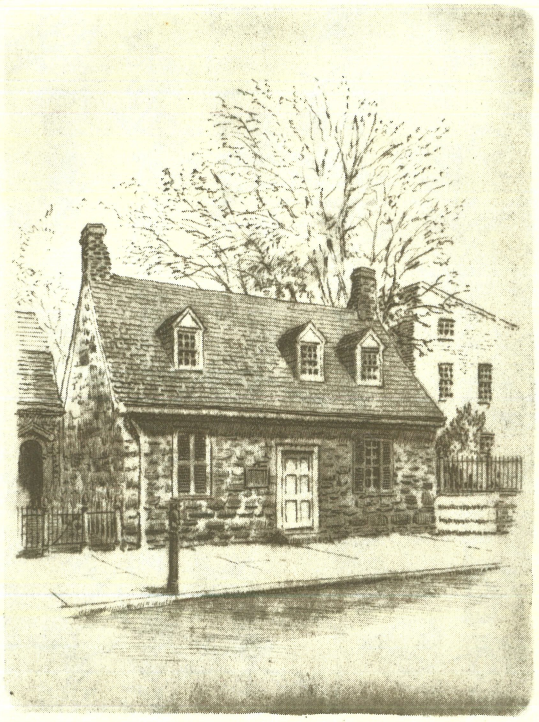


Edgar Allan Poe Shrine, Richmond

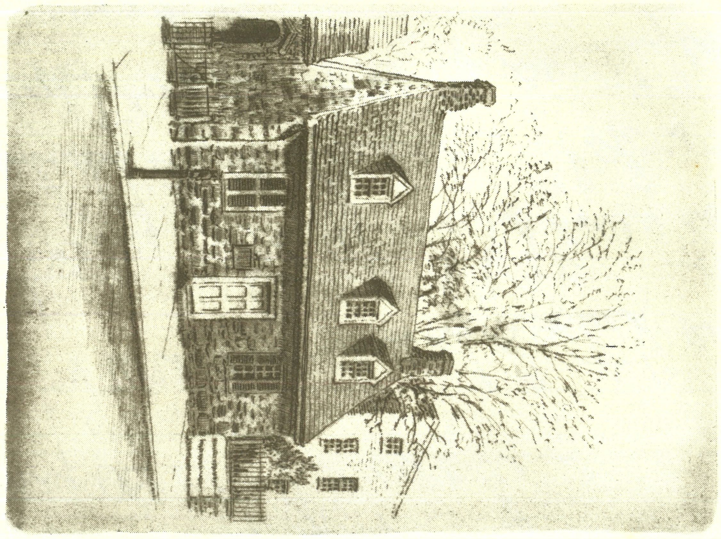
"Cownes" Aylett, Va.

My dear Blanche

I was very disappointed at not seeing you at the Colonists' meeting last Friday – It doesn't seem right to go to Smithfield and not have you to greet me; Cary Wells told me at "The Brick Church service you and Louis were going to Murfreesboro – to visit (Betty Carter – for a while and I intended asking Louise Caulk to drive me over to say good bye after the Colonists were through – but she was in a hurry to go home. She and Willows were going to Nag's Head that evening - so I couldn't detain her. Do hope you had a copy of your Isle of Wight Marriage Bonds for Laura Pinner.

I came up here Sat. to help Betsy freeze peas! Lots of love,

Mary C.H.



Edgar Allan Poe Shrine, Richmond

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1953
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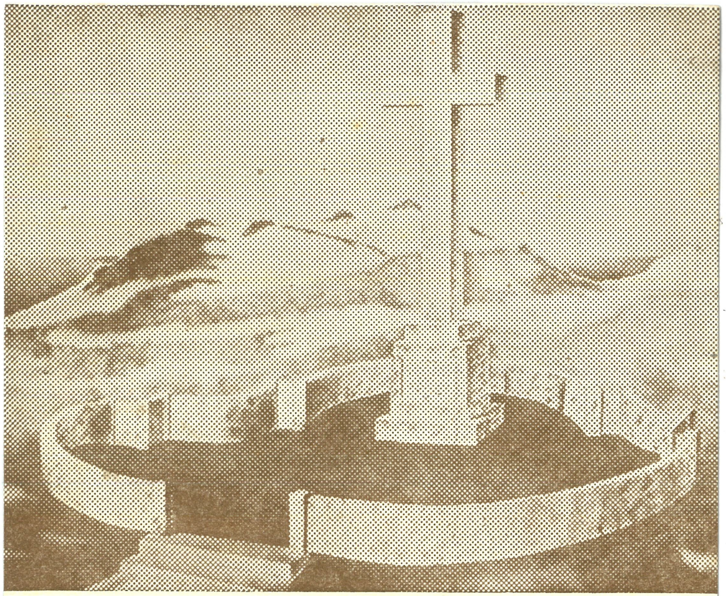
Mrs Lewis Chapman
Smithfield
Virginia

Mrs. M. L. Kendrick
Aylett Va.



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FIRST LANDING DUNE - Fort Story, Cape Henry, Virginia
Allocated by the War Department to the Assembly of Tidewater
Virginia Women

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26 April, 1607, those English Colonists, who, upon
13 May, 1607, established at Jamestown,
Virginia, the first permanent English
Settlement in America*

Erected By
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN
COLONISTS

April 26, 1935

Post Card

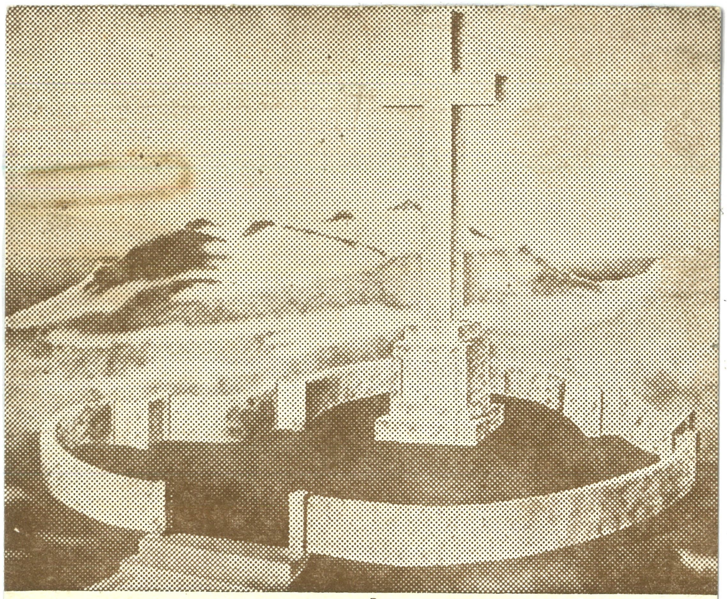
PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Dear Blanche:

April 29, 1953 -

We missed you Cape Henry Day - you and your faithful husband. Please tell him how very sorry we were not to have you both - Mrs. Etheridge attended to "your job" most graciously at the luncheon and at the Cross - She had her tickets reserved too - Uncle Sam required that - But the day was lovely and most gratifying - I trust to see you soon -

Affectionately
L. M. L. -



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PLACE
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HERE

Please get the address of this writer for me if you can. I shall be glad to send her some literature.

R. L. G.

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Please make an effort to announce the time of day as well as the date of this Pilgrimage at the General Assembly in Washington, D.C. next year for the benefit of those who wish to come.

We could not get this information this year although we made quite an effort.

Thank you
a Delegate
Mrs A. G. Brown
St Louis Chapter, D.A.C.

Dearest Blanche:-

How distressed I am to
hear of more misfortune
for you - you poor dear.
Do hope that you can
get Florie to help you

re the "Barons." Send the bill for the express or postage to Mrs O'Brien — all officers do that when they turn over their offices.

Darling — You have been so wonderful — it has been just as I would have had it — You being with me these past four years — I could not have found a better Treasurer had I searched the world over —

Hope the "break" isn't too bad — tho' any is bad enough.

Ever so much love

Devotedly Elsa

24 April 1953

get the books etc off to
Mrs Dr O'Brien - I would send
along the cancelled checks
as well - then you will
have nothing further to
think about - I can well
imagine you want all
out of your house as I do

National Society Daughters of the Barons of Runnemede
INC 1921

Dearest Blanche:-
How distressed I am to
hear of more misfortune
for you - you poor dear.
Do hope that you can
get Tillie to help you

Make check $3.30 to include Nos.,
430 & 431 WIDOWS' FUND KHEDIVE TEMPLE
Assessment No. 432
Norfolk, Va., Nov.29th.1949

Dear Noble:-

This is to notify you that ASSESSMENT No.432 amounting to $1.10, has been made on account of the death on Nov.24th.1949 of
NOBLE Claude C Culpepper, Portsmouth, Va.

This assessment must be paid within thirty days from the date hereof or your membership will be forfeited. Kindly return this card with your remittance for receipt. TIME EXPIRES Dec.29th.1949

P. O. BOX 1245 J. Binford Sadler, Sec'y-Treas.

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Make check $3.30 to include Nos.
532 & 533.

Pd 6-27-1953

WIDOWS' FUND KHEDIVE TEMPLE
Assessment No. 534
Norfolk, Va., June 4, 1953

Dear Noble:-

This is to notify you that ASSESSMENT No. 534 amounting to $1.10, has been made on account of the death on May 29, 1953 of
NOBLE (Dr.) L. Leroy Jones, Portsmouth, Va.

This assessment must be paid within thirty days from the date hereof or your membership will be forfeited. TIME EXPIRES July 3, 1953
Kindly return this card with remittance. When paid by check receipted card returned ONLY ON REQUEST.

P. O. BOX 1245 J. Binford Sadler, Sec'y-Treas.

NORFOLK
NOV 28
5 PM
1949
VA.

U.S. POSTAL CARD
ONE CENT
JEFFERSON

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Lewis L. Chapman,
Smithfield,
1766 Va.

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NORFOLK
JUN 4
12³⁰ PM
1953
VA.

UNITED STATES
2 CENTS
FRANKLIN
POSTAL CARD

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

SMITHFIELD
JUN 5
530PM
1953

Mr. Lewis L. Chapman,
~~Smithfield~~,
1766 ~~Va~~.
701 Fairview Ave.
~~[illegible]~~ Murfreesboro Tenn.

# National Society
# Daughters of the Barons of Runnemede

June 19, 1953.

Dear Mrs. Chapman,

The package, cardboard box wrapped in paper and tied with string arrived. It was opened at one end and looked as if papers could easily have been lost out.

I am sorting the material and want to tell you that it appears that you have done a yeoman's task in carrying on this office. I congratulate you for your good records. I only hope that I may be able to turn the work over as well as you have done.

My heart goes out to you in the family illness that confronts you and trusting that you both will recover after getting real rest, I am Gratefully & sincerely,

Cornelia O'Brien

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MRS. JOHN BAYLEY O'BRIEN
25 PARKVIEW AVE.
BRONXVILLE, N. Y.

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JUN 25
9:30 PM
1953
N. Y.

Mrs. Lewis Linwood Chapman,
~~"Carcassonne",~~
~~Smithfield, Virginia.~~
c/o E. R. Lane, Jr.,
701 Fairview Ave.,
Murfreesboro, Tenn.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON
1789-1797
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UNITED STATES POSTAGE
GEORGE WASHINGTON
1 CENT 1

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1953

Mrs. Lewis L. Chapman
"Carcassonne"
Smithfield, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. William Joseph Holloway
announce the marriage of their daughter
Jo Anne Foster
to
Dean Oliver DeLamar
Ensign, United States Navy
Friday, the fifth of June
Nineteen hundred and fifty-three
Annapolis, Maryland

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Mr. + Mrs. Lewis L. Chapman

DR. A. C. ROGERS
Veterinarian
SMITHFIELD VIRGINIA
Telephone: 275

DATE July 1, 1953

MRS. LEWIS CHAPMAN SR.

~~SMITHFIELD, VA.~~

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| TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | Balance | $ 4.50 |
| | Treat Dog | 5.00 |
| | | ~~$~~ 9.50 |

Pd. 7-6-1953

RECEIVED PAYMENT

STATEMENT

**DR. L. H. RAWLS, JR.**
DENTIST
AMERICAN BANK & TRUST CO., BUILDING
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

DATE July 1, 1953

Mr. L. L. Chapman
Smi~~thfield, Virg~~inia

TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED

$6.00

Pd ~~[illegible]~~ 7-6-1953

RECEIVED PAYMENT

Dear Blanche - Thanks for Mrs P's letter. It is what I was sure it would be, when I received Mr C's letter saying he had found the item in Moore. I at once wrote Mrs. P. just what he said. The card received from Mrs Hines, today, says she has that bond, See my comment thereupon. I am sure we are all right. I supposed J.B.C. meant he had found it in the records. M.G.C.

March 27, 1938

My dear Mrs.Hines:

Your card just received, as we get a Suday delivery in the morning; and I appreciate it more than I can say. It is very broadminded of you to take this matter in the spirit you have.

And now, I feel I can hand you the reward you deserve: That alleged marriage bond actually is non-existent and never existed in October, 1688. Of that I am now convinced despite your saying you have the bond. I am confident that what you have is what Mr.Cabell has- merely what Moore's History of Henrico Parish says- which is obviously a blunder on Moore's part.

As I wrote you, I asked Mr.Cabell the specific reference. His reply was:

> "I got it, I find, from page 225 of Moore's History of Henrico Parish, where it is recorded that in October 1688 a marriage license was issued to "George Archer to only sister of Wm. Harris." So near as I remember , after thirty and more years, I did not verify this in the Henrico records, because it was not to me a matter of any personal concern; and I would now very much prefer never to have seen it, since I believe your tracing this new Harris line to be a sound piece of ingenuity".

In the same mail with your card, this morning, I received from Mrs. Chapman, the report she had from Mrs.Pollard. As I wrote you, Blanche had asked her to search the records for October 1688. Mrs.Pollard says:

> "I examined the October 1688 records in each book. I could not find any such record".

I had already written Mrs.Pollard, as soon as I received Mr.Cabell's letter, which came on Friday, that I was convinced that no such record existed- that the Moore record, as quoted by Mr.Cabell, showed it to an extremely careless piece of work on Moore's part, in that he says "only sister", whereas the fact is or was, that she was not the "only sister"- but merely the "only sister"of whole blood- a very misleading statement from both the genealogical and historical viewpoint; and which shows Moore to have been a very superficial compiler- as much so as Stanard.

In other words, it is obvious Moore made very careless notes and then misinterpreted his own notes. There is no place but the Court records where he could have found his information since there are no parish records in existence; and no vestry books even, so far as I have ever heard, except that one beginning about 1730. I meant to say there are no parish registers.

I have never seen a copy of Moore's History. I have often thought I would get a copy, but never found the time when I wished to spare the price. It is of very doubtful character, as shown by this Harris-Archer item. Now, I am assuming that you have only this Moore item as your authority for saying you have the marriage bond. If you actually have a genuine, bona fide marriage bond of that date (Oct.1688) for ~~1688,~~ George Harris and Elizabeth, it is of the utmost importance as evidence of some most unusal source of information- since Mrs.Pollard says no such bond or record is in the regular record books. I have always found her most reliable in her special search work.

I repeat, that I am perfectly satisfied in my own mind, that what you have in the way of "marriage bond", is nothing more than that Moore blunder. There are just three possible sources for such information- I mean authentic sources, and they are: First, the original bond itself, which would have been issued to Archer himself. Second, the report or return by the minister to whom such bond would have been turned over when presented by Archer at time of marrige and recorded in the very books Mrs.Pollard searched. No such record is there.(You will recall that I told you the ministers were often careless about doing this.). Now these two places- or rather sources, the original bond itself, or the record of it in the County Court records, are the only two possible reliable sources of the license. A third source of information would be, not of the license, but of the date of marriage, in the parish register. No such register exists- so far as I have ever heard.

There remains therefore, only the question- is that original bond in existence? From the wording of the Moore item, I am satisfied it is not in existence. For one thing, he would have said so if it were.

So, dear lady, unless you can produce the original marriage bond proving that George Archer did not marry Elizabeth until 1688- you may keep your Harris ancestry with a perfectly clear conscience.

Of course, as I said before, I lay no claim to infallibility; but I have found that I have a pretty keen sense of the value of evidence or what purposrt to be record evidence. I have been told by more than one lawyer, that I had missed my real calling in not taking up the law. One of them is the Mr.Boddie who has done a lot of genealogical work. When I explained to him the significance of certain records he has that he had not "sensed", he asked,"Mrs.Cook, have you ever had any training in law?" Upon my answering in the negative, he said I certainly had a legal mind. Well, I don't pretend to have even that; but I think it is merely that I take the trouble to try to "think things through"- something few lawyers take the time or trouble to do and the same is true of most historians. They are in too big a hurry. My first experience in this respect was when we sent to England to a noted genealogist to make search on that side for my paternal line. This was through ?rs.Cairns, then Registrar and now President of the Armorial Order. She sent the complete pedigree, which he led her to believe he had himself, searched out and compiled. I really had only to read it over when I wrote her that he not only had not compiled that data, but he had found it in some book and had not even taken the trouble to copy it copy it correctly, as shown by the punctuation which made a child of two years of age found a family at that age. Sure enough, I later found that very identical pedigree in a book here at Newberry Library; and he had copied it incorrectly.

Please send me exact copy of the bond you say you have and its source. Again thanking you for your lovely praise; and hoping you are well by now, Most sincerely yours, If I told you I planned to move, I wish to correct. I moved only from 8th to 16th floor in the Maryland for the time being, at least.

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Mrs. Henry Lowell Cook

Hotel Maryland
Near Lincoln Park and Lake
Loop, Shops and Shows
900 Rush Street Chicago

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WASHINGTON
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Mrs. Lewis L. Chapman
Smithfield
Virginia

Hotel Maryland caters to
Conventions, Meetings, Banquets
Private Parties
and Dances

NOTICE

LETTERS MAILED IN HOTEL ENVELOPES
IF NOT DELIVERED WILL BE SENT TO
THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE, UNLESS
THE WRITER GIVES A RETURN ADDRESS

IF NOT DELIVERED IN______DAYS RETURN TO

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**Memorandum** *from* **Guy B. Odum & Co., Inc. • Insurance • Daytona Beach, Florida**

May 1st-53

Dear Blanche -

Well - what are you going to do now - are there any further honors?

The attached copies of correspondence will show you what I've done - & I think the bond can be changed to cover your new Treasurer.

Hope things are going all right for you.

As ever - with love

Vivian Moore

Dear Jeanette -

Am so sorry I haven't had a chance to answer your letter before, but we have been out of town a great deal recently.

Naturally, I will accept with pleasure the honor of being one of little Britt Adam's godparents, and am real sorry we will be unable to be there in June -

I know you really have your hands full with three boys - Joan stays the very same way — busy from morn until night - They have just moved into their new house & seem so pleased & happy with it -

Recent letter from Betty was full of the excitement of Jay's graduation - Hard for me to realize that Jay's a grown young man - She said he'd gotten a job for the summer months.

Have just received a negative notice from my cancer check up for which we are so thankful. Have three more years before they will consider me really safe.

Don't know any special family news. Betty & Gerry are fine — also Carter & his wife —

Betty told me you all had a beautiful new home and I know you are enjoying it. Do hope everybody real well & things going good for you, Lew, & the little boys —

Love
Grace

WILLISTON
MAY 27
7 AM
1960
FLA.

Mrs. L. L. Chapman
Smithfield, Virginia

Mrs. Fred A. Le Sueur
Williston, Florida

Box 344
St Augustine Fla.

Dear Mrs Chapman:

I am sending under separate cover a few letters & Runnemede Papers. I had just written to Mrs. Gray when I read in N.Y. papers that she had died - I have not written to Mrs. Arrington, thought you could do it better than I - Regarding to Mrs. Talmadge it is true, that you had only been recommended to assist me - but I also have letters from Mrs. Talmadge telling me to go straight on with the work and use my own

discretion as to the cost of a
helper - I wrote her that I
just must have some one
and that I would get you to
help me - It is just too bad
that Mrs Hogan died before
we compleated the book - However
it its up to us to do what
we can with the material we
have, so just continue
and I will see that you
get paid according to my
promise -

The weather is glorious
and we are all feeling
fine. However I must
return to Richmond, so I
can have our annual
meeting. Will advise the
change dt as soon I decide

upon the date - which
I think will be about
the 27th or 28th of March -
I wish there were no meetings.
With kindest regards, I
am as ever
Faithfully
Priscilla Cabell

1st March
1936

J. R. KERNAN, *First Lieutenant*
H. G. SHELTON, *First Lieutenant*

M. G. ROBINSON, *Captain*
L. L. SHELTON, *First Lieutenant*

B. R. DAWLEY, *Second Lieutenant*
L. C. PEARSON, *Second Lieutenant*

P. J. CERVARICH, *First Sergeant*
L. R. EDWARDS, *Supply Sergeant*
*Sergeants:* W. J. GILLESPIE
W. H. WALTHALL
H. W. HUDSON
R. T. MADDOX

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
CORPS OF CADETS, 1930-1931
COMPANY "K"
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E. R. HALL
R. A. PILLOW
W. D. GARWOOD
J. D. WEEDE
N. C. ABBOTT
D. C. KENNEDY

My wrist watch is the very thing I need. It certainly does come in handy. I want to thank you and Daddy for the nice time you all gave me this last Christmas. I certainly did have a good time. Tell Daddy that the funny he wants to see is in the "Ronoake Times" or in "The News" of Lynchburg.

Your Loving Son,
Garland

Would you have a check book stub showing your payment on April 4, 1953 of a bill for $10.20 to the ABA ELECTRIC TYPED LETTERS CO. of Wash'n, D.C.? Perhaps you may have the cancelled check. That's what we need to convince that company that the bill is paid.

**National Society**
**Daughters of the Barons of Runnemede**

MRS. JOHN BAYLEY O'BRIEN, TREASURER
25 PARKVIEW AVE., BRONXVILLE, N. Y.

June 25, 1953.

Dear Mrs. Chapman,

As the Express - Railway Express Agency - have sent a man here to determine the amount of lost papers from the package and to try to locate whatever may have been lost out of the package, they asked me to request the sender of the package to send me the ORIGINAL EXPRESS RECEIPT that was given at the time that the package was picked up. That will enable them, he said, to trace the package from its source to find any and all papers that became separated from the package.

The express man has asked me to give him a list of the items that seem to be missing. It is somewhat difficult to do this, but wherever there are big lapses from the material - with regard to dates - I can indicate that such dates show no papers, cancelled checks, etc., etc.

The package was delivered to me on June 16th. It arrived opened at one end and seemed to be half empty as the delivery man and I looked at it. It showed that papers could easily have been lost.

I have gone through the material, divided it into groups as follows: checks, cancelled; bills, correspondence, insurance policies. I am so glad that you had sent the ledger book separately. The package contained two more ledger books, one with your writing and the other with Mrs. Brosseau's writing. Although there were no checks, cancelled, with Mrs. Brosseau's writing, there were very old cancelled checks with Mrs. Johnston's hand-writing and no book with Mrs. Johnston's writing.

I feel that you should not let this worry you one bit, for the very important matter is that covering your period, which, as I said above, you sent me the book for separately beforehand. Also the material, most important of all, was what you handed me personally, in Washington. The older records are, some of them, outdated anyway and you and I are "all clear" with regard to the transfer of the most important. That is all safely put where it belongs and has been so from the very time last April that I returned from Washington.

The only recent matter that I can practically identify as being missing are a few cancelled checks for the month of March, 1953 and there were none later among the material which came. No cancelled checks for April are in the lot. It may be that you have the very late checks or that your Smithfield bank has them. Your Ledger shows April payments even though I have not the cancelled checks for that late period just before taking over.

I would not even bother you to write this in detail to you were it not for the fact that the Express Co. needs that EXPRESS RECEIPT that they say is always given when a package is taken for delivery. Also, from me they need the aforementioned description in order to know what to look for, so they tell me.

My best wishes to you and my apologies for having to bother you so much.

Most cordially, Cornelia E. O'Brien

Ever & ever so much love — & do write when you can —
Devotedly Elsa

National Society
Daughters of the Barons of Runnemede

MRS. WILLIAM FREDERICK PEARSON
~~*President*~~
2330 TRACY PLACE
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

8th June 1953.

Dearest Blanche;-

When I reached home last night from N.C. where I went to attend the graduation of Sally's boy from Prep School — I found your letter.

You poor dear — One can only hope that it is "darkest before the dawn".

I have not worried at all about your winding up the "job." When I think that it was July before I had anything at all to go on or you either — I feel that the incoming officers have had it easy.

A letter from Mrs O'Brien says she is getting on nicely - has everything but the Ins bond which doubtless is with what you have shipped -

There is no point of keeping Mrs Brosseau's file cards - Don't worry your head about anything - just try to relax if you can - & get well.

The Year Book has been delayed which has tried me terribly - it is still to come for the first correction. Later than any other year - & I wanted it earlier - I'm sure the Treas. report checks - for I added it up - don't give it a thought, my dear.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
JUN 8
7 30 PM
1953

UNITED STATES POSTAGE
THOMAS JEFFERSON 1801-1809
3 CENTS 3

Mrs Lemi L. Chapman,
c/o E. S. Lane, Jr.
701 Fairview Avenue,
Murfreesboro,
Tennessee -

2330 TRACY PLACE
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

COPY

May 1, 1953

Mrs. John Bayley O'Brien
25 Parkview Avenue
Bronxville, New York

Daughters of Barons of Runnimede
Re: Treasurer's Bond

Dear Mrs. O'Brien:

We are just in receipt of a note from Mrs. Louis Chapman of Smithfield, Va., asking that we transfer her Treasurer's Bond to cover you as new Treasurer.

For your information, the bond is in amount of $8,000.00 and runs until October 1, 1953.

We have written the bonding company to consider the bond as covering you as new Treasurer, but they will require that we furnish them with an application from you. We enclose this and ask that you please complete it as completely as possible. If you will then return it to our office we will forward it on to the Company. We believe the existing bond can be amended to cover you, and if so, it will save some premium for your organization.

The original bond is, we believe, filed at the national headquarters and when we get the rider making the change, it should be filed along with the original bond.

If you have made other arrangements for your bond, handling it there at your own home, it is entirely agreeable to us, but Mrs. Chapman asked us to cover you which we are doing.

Very truly yours

GUY B ODUM & COMPANY INC.,

By

VM
encls.

COPY

May 1, 1953

Fidelity Bond Department
Continental Casualty Company
Chicago

Schedule Bond No. S46100
Daughters of Barons of Runnimede
Exp 10/1/53

Gentlemen:

We have been covering under the above bond Blanche Adams Chapman, as Treasurer.

As of today a new Treasurer should be substituted for Mrs. Chapman. Will you kindly send us endorsement for this bond substituting

Mrs. John Bayley O'Brien - Treasurer - for $8,000.00 - no premium change

We are securing application from Mrs.O'Brien and this will be forwarded you in due course.

Very truly yours

GUY B ODUM & COMPANY INC.,

By

VM

Smithfield, Va.

May 2, 1936.

Dear Mrs.

As you perhaps remember, we were appointed on the nominating committee for our Chapter to secure names for the slate to be presented in our May meeting. Since the distances are so great between us and we are all busy women, I suppose we can do what we have to by letter.

Will you fill any suggestions you have to make opposite the following list:

Regent:
I have been told Mrs. Barham will not accept another term, however she will have to be asked, Mrs. Snyder will not consider it, please see if Mrs. Moss will; if not to my way of thinking the best material is either Mrs. Rickards or Mrs. Stewart.

1st Vice, Mrs. C. A. Snyder.

2nd Vice

Treasurer, Miss Deans.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. G. Berryman.

Cor. Secty.

Regitrar, Mrs. Stewart (if she cannot accept Regency, she is too good to lose)

Historian,

Librarian,

Chaplain.

Three members of the Board at large, 1, Mrs. Barham, 2
3.

Please let me have your suggestions as soon as possible, the rest of our business can be transacted on Gov. postals.

Cordially yours,

J. E. WEST J. T. WITHERS

**WEST & WITHERS**
General Insurance
**SUFFOLK, VA.**

Suffolk, Va. Nov. 13th, 1936.

Mrs. Lewis L. Chapman,
Smithfield, Va.

Dear Mrs. Chapman:-

Herewith I am returning your papers which you so kindly loaned me. I desire to thank you most heartily, for your kindness, and more to congratulate you on your work on the history of Isle of Wight County. Your papers show that you have done a great deal of work, and more that you have systemitized it so that it can be used readily. Isle of Wight is to be congratulated on having such a person to gather up the county's history.

In regard to Ben (Whalebone)Jones, the only reference that I have ben been able to locate is in Col. Morrison's History of Isle of Wight Co., and he no doubt got it from the Co. records.

If you so desire you may keep the list of Revolutionary soldiers from the Co. sent you, as I have another copy. That was checked from the Va. Soldiers in the Revolution, and Stewart's Va. State Navy.

Again thanking you for your kindness, and if at any time I can be of assistance to you kindly call upon me.

I beg to remain,
Yours very truly,

W. E. MacClenny
W. E. MacClenny, Suffolk, Va.

Mother dearest-

I still can't believe what you told me on the telephone last night. Sam and I talked about it until late last night and neither of us can figure out what Lewis has on you that he can do you any way he pleases and still get all he asks for. Sam said he was amazed, particularly since Lewis behaved like he did at Nag's Head that either you or Daddy couldn't say "no" and mean just that. Of course, it isn't any of our business, but we both feel that you haven't the where-with-all to properly take care of yourselves, much less try to do all you do for both Lewis and me. The day may come when you will need what money you can get from your house or any other property you own to take care of yourselves and Lewis ought to realize what he's doing to you. Sam said he just couldn't believe Lewis didn't have any sense at all, but we know he's out for all he can get and hell with who it hurts or how much.

It nearly kills me to see him doing what Daddy's nephews did to get the Chapmans the happy name they enjoy. Spendthrifts, wasters, and just plain damn fools! It's fine to do everything for your children and spoil them rotten if there's money behind it to back it up, but the day will come too late when he comes to and finds out he isn't being taken care of in the way he now expects. Why he figures the world was made for just him I can't seem to fathom.

Enough is enough I guess, and as you say it's done now and that's that. If I asked you to sell the house so I could build me one on my vacant lot would make just as much sense though. It's just plain ridiculous.

We had a nice weekend. Have you played Canasta with six people? We had the grandest game Saturday night that lasted until two o'clock and playing three girls against three boys was the best way yet. It was really a tight game. Then yesterday Joe and Sam played golf from 10 until 3 and during that time Judy gave me a much needed permanent. I'm not at all sure about it yet because it looks awfully tight and short. Sam laughed and told me I'd play hell sure enough if I had to cut any of the kinks off. I believe it's shorter than I've ever worn it before, but it feels better off my neck.

I hope Lewis didn't particularly want the sweater just like the one you returned because they didn't have it and the one in exchange is a better sweater and I think, prettier. It looks more like a young boy. And it looks big enough for Percy Pitt, too! If Lewis fills it up let him wear the one I knitted for Daddy!

Seems to me there was something else I had on my mind, but can't remember what it was. Will try again later. Much love to you all.

Betty

2/6/50

April 27, 1953

Mrs John Bailey O'Brian,
25 Park View Avenue,
Bronxville 8, New York,

Dear Mrs O'Brian:

At the request of Mrs Blanch H. Chapman, we are pleased to enclose to you, herewith, United States Treasury Bonds, Series 'G' totaling $4,000.00, made payable to 'National Society, Knights [illegible] Barons of Runnemeade, numbered as follows; # M72[illegible]G, $1,000.00, #"M724646G, $1,000.00, #D654743, $500.00, # M1390475G, $1,000.00, and # D 2919783G, $500.00, together with an insurance policy expiring November 26, 1953.

It will be appreciated very much if you will acknowledge receipt of the above items to Mrs Chapman.

With kind regards, we are

Yours Very Truly,

Exec. Vice President

NATIONAL SOCIETY, DAUGHTERS OF THE BARONS OF RUNNEMEDE, INC.
Mrs. John Bayley O'Brien, Treasurer,
25 Parkview Avenue,
Bronxville 8, N. Y.

April 30, 1953.

Mrs. Blanche H. Chapman,
Smithfield, Virginia.

Dear Mrs. Chapman,

This is to acknowledge the receipt of the following U.S. "G" Bonds: $1,666. M724645G - $1,000. M724646G - $500. D654743G - $1,000. M1390475G...... and $500. D2919783G. These five separate bonds were shipped me today from The Merchants and Farmers Bank with letter signed: C. C. Howell, Exec. Vice President.

Also, in same envelope, there was included a SCHEDULED PROPERTY FLOATER insuring our Society, named above, in the amount of $200. for a "5 stone diamond insignia"- sum insured: $200.00. This is a policy of the Providence Washington Insurance Company, Providence, R. I.

Your postal card just arrived stating that you broke your arm. How sorry I am and I can really sympathize with you for a little over three years ago I broke an ankle. Be thankful that you did not break an ankle. That absolutely stops you in your tracks! At least you can walk around and get about. Nevertheless, my sympathy is very deep for anyone who breaks a bone. It gives such a feeling of absolute helplessness.

Also, on your card you mentioned that you have written to have your Bond of $8,000. transferred to me. Perhaps you will have the people who handled the Surety Bond for the Treasurer, for that is what I presume that it is, perhaps you will have them forward it to me or perhaps you could tell me the name of the Company that made the bond. I believe that I should have it in hand or at least have a record of the Company and the date it expires in order to make arrangements for its premium payment or whatever it is called.

Referring once again to the first paragraph about the "G" Bonds, would you please arrange with your bank to advise the TREASURY DEPT., DIV. OF LOANS & CURRENCY, MERCHANDISE MART, CHICAGO 54, ILLINOIS to forward all interest on the bonds to me at the above address?

I will send a copy of this letter to your bank in Smithfield and by so doing, perhaps save you a little trouble as they, no doubt, will be willing to advise the Treasury Dept. and if not having authority to do so, they will surely tell you so that you can do it.

There is bound to be some "red-tape" in transferring our responsibilities and it seems to me that you are being wonderfully prompt and I appreciate this and am keeping our new President advised of what I am doing with the monies, etc.

With my best wishes for a speedy recovery and a satisfactory mending of your broken arm and with more sympathy, I am

Very sincerely,

Mrs. John B. O'Brien

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